Rise in Internet use

1676. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is only nine percent rise in internet use In Government services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the rise is on expected lines;

(d) if so, the figures in this regard;

(e) if not, the reasons for only nine percent increase in internet use in Government services; and

(f) the details of the efforts to be taken up by his Ministry to increase internet use in Government services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) National Informatics Centre (NIC) has been providing network services including Internet Services to the Government users/services at different levels such as Ministries/Departments, States and District Headquarters in the country. As per the information available from NIC 40-50% growth has been seen in the usage of Internet in the Government sector.

(c) to (e) The rise of 40-50% growth has been seen which is quite normal.

(f) NIC has been providing extensive services to the Government at different levels in the country in the area of developing applications and services related to e-governance. Many of these applications/services have been/are being developed based on Internet technologies such as web enabled applications. These applications are expected to enhance the growth of use of Internet in the Government sector. In addition, usage of other Internet Services such as email etc., are being provided extensively to facilitate the growth of Internet for the Government user/ services.